

him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 587. AGREEMENTS ON THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES MAKING THE TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

(a) **AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into memoranda of understanding, agreements, or other appropriate arrangements with the entities and organizations referred to in subsection (b) in order to coordinate the provision of services to members of the Armed Forces making the transition to civilian life, including members of the Armed Forces being separated, discharged, or released from the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard and Reserve returning to civilian life after deployment on active duty in the Armed Forces.

(b) **ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.**—The entities and organizations referred to in this section are the following:

(1) Elements of the Department of Defense responsible for providing services described in subsection (a).

(2) Elements of the Department of Veterans Affairs responsible for providing such services.

(3) Elements of the Department of Labor responsible for providing such services.

(4) Elements of other departments and agencies of the Federal Government responsible for providing such services.

(5) Appropriate State agencies, including veterans agencies, employment services agencies, and other agencies.

(6) Veterans service organizations.

(7) Any other public or private entities or organizations that provide such services as the Secretary considers appropriate for purposes of this section.

(c) **ELEMENTS.**—The memoranda of understanding, agreements, and arrangements entered into under subsection (a) shall seek to—

(1) establish and define requirements and responsibilities for the provision of services described in subsection (a);

(2) coordinate, facilitate, and enhance the provision of such services; and

(3) establish and define short-term and long-term goals and plans for the provision of such services.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony relating to implementation of the Energy Policy Act provisions on enhancing oil and gas production on Federal lands in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dick Bouts at 202-224-7545 or Sara Zecher at 202-224-8276.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah; S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District; S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho; S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A&B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, and for other purposes; S. 3404, to bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant"; and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Nate Gentry at 202-224-2179 or Steve Waskiewicz at 202-228-6195.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday June 20, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in 328a, Senate Russell Office Building. The purpose of this committee hearing will be to examine the Rural Development Programs of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2006, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "the reauthorization of the export-import bank."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session the Senate on June 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "FHA: Issues for the Future."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 10 a.m., to consider the nomination of Paul A. Denett to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The McCarran-Ferguson Act: Implications of Repealing the Insurers' Antitrust Exemption" on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

Witness list

Panel I: Hon. Marc Racicot, Former Governor of Montana, President, American Insurance Institute, Washington, DC; Elinor R. Hoffman, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Bureau, Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, New York, NY; Michael McRaith, Illinois Director of Insurance, Chair, Broker Activities Task Force, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Chicago, IL; Bob Hunter, Insurance Director, Consumer Federation of American, Washington, DC; Kevin Thompson, Senior Vice President, Insurance Services Office, Jersey City, NJ; Donald C. Klawiter, Chair, Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a field hearing regarding "U.N. Headquarters Renovation: No Accountability Without Transparency."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the National Park Service's revised Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the Policies on Park Operations, Park Resources, Wilderness Areas, Recreation, and Interaction with Gateway Communities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel Rubin of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the consideration of S. 2766, the Defense authorization legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sharon Hudson-Dean, a fellow in the office of Senator BILL NELSON of Florida, be granted the privilege of the floor during the Senate's consideration of the fiscal year 2007 Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Zachary Schechter-Steinberg of my staff be granted floor privileges during the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Rowe, a legislative intern in Senator GRASSLEY's office, have floor privileges from now until the Senate adjourns at the end of the week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 109-10

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on June 20, 2006, by the President of the United States:

Protocol III to 1949 Geneva Convention and an Amendment and Protocol to 1980 Conventional Weapons Convention (Treaty Document No. 109-10).

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith: the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the "Geneva Protocol III"), adopted at Geneva on December 8, 2005, and signed by the United States on that date; the Amendment to Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (the "CCW Amendment"); and the CCW Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (the "CCW Protocol V"). I transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State concerning these treaties.

Geneva Protocol III. Geneva Protocol III creates a new distinctive emblem, a Red Crystal, in addition to and for the same purposes as the Red Cross and the Red Crescent emblems. The Red Crystal is a neutral emblem that can be employed by governments and national societies that face challenges using the existing emblems. In addition, Geneva Protocol III will pave the way for Magen David Adom, Israel's national society, to achieve membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Legislation implementing Geneva Protocol III will be submitted to the Congress separately.

CCW amendment. The amendment to Article 1 of the CCW, which was adopted at Geneva on December 21, 2001, eliminates the distinction between international and non-international armed conflict for the purposes of the rules governing the prohibitions and restrictions on the use of certain conventional weapons. It does not change the legal status of rebel or insurgent groups into that of protected or privileged belligerents.

CCW Protocol V. CCW Protocol V, which was adopted at Geneva on November 28, 2003, addresses the post-conflict threat generated by conventional munitions such as mortar shells, grenades, artillery rounds, and bombs that do not explode as intended or that are abandoned. CCW Protocol V provides for the marking, clearance, removal, and destruction of such remnants by the party in control of the territory in which the munitions are located.

Conclusion. I urge the Senate to give prompt and favorable consideration to each of these instruments and to give its advice and consent to their ratification. These treaties are in the interest of the United States, and their ratification would advance the longstanding and historic leadership of the United States in the law of armed conflict.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 19, 2006.

COMMENDING THE CAROLINA HURRICANES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 517 which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 517) commending the Carolina Hurricanes for winning the 2006 National Hockey League Stanley Cup.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 517) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 517

Whereas on June 19, 2006, the Carolina Hurricanes toppled the Edmonton Oilers in one of the most exciting National Hockey League (NHL) Finals in history by a score of 3-1 in the seventh and final game;

Whereas this is the first Stanley Cup for the Carolina Hurricanes;

Whereas the Hurricanes are the first professional sports team in North Carolina history to win a major sports championship;

Whereas the Hurricanes finished at the top of the Southeast Division of the Eastern Conference during the regular season with a record of 52-22-8;

Whereas the Hurricanes rallied from a 2-game deficit, winning 4 consecutive games to defeat the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of the playoffs;

Whereas the Hurricanes rolled over the New Jersey Devils in the second round of the playoffs, winning the series in only 5 games;

Whereas the Hurricanes showed their desire to win a championship by defeating the Buffalo Sabres in the seventh game of the Eastern Conference Finals to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals;